

LAW 16 Team Presentation

# 4.13 MAP Evidence

# Admitting Evidence Procedure

Here is a brief video on admitting evidence into court.

<https://youtu.be/eNVBmTIKwyM>

# Prosecution Step 1

Identify the Exhibit:

Prosecuting Attorney:

“Your Honor, I have marked as exhibit 4.13 the map of the two routes used by Officer Wilson from the Defendants place of work to the State Capital where the robbery occurred.”

# Prosecution Step 2

Have the witness authenticate the exhibit:

Prosecuting Attorney:

“Your Honor, I call Officer Michael Wilson to the stand to authenticate exhibit 4.13. Mr. Wilson, please explain what this is and how it pertains to the case.”

Witness - Officer Wilson:

“This map shows two separate routes from the Defendants place of employment to the state capital to show it is possible to travel the distance using either route in 30 minutes.”

# Prosecution Step 3

Ask the Judge to admit the exhibit into evidence

Prosecuting Attorney:

“Your Honor, I ask that that exhibit 4.13 be admitted as evidence.”

# Prosecution Step 4

Wait for an objection from the Defense Attorney or a ruling from the Judge.

Judge:

“Does the Defense have any objection before I decide to admit exhibit 4.13 into evidence? 4.13 is admitted as evidence.”

Prosecuting Attorney:

“Here is exhibit 4.13 your Honor.” Hand the Judge the exhibit.

# Defense Step 1

During step 2 of the Prosecution authenticating the evidence is the time for the Defense Attorney to cross examine the witness to oppose the evidence and keep it out.

Defense Attorney:

Officer Wilson, you say you drove both routes on the map during the same time of the day as the robbery occurred. You also say you drove in your squad car driving as quickly as possible and it took you 35 minutes on the road and 25 minutes on the expressway. With that in mind, is it not possible that the defendants car would not have been able to travel as fast on the express way without being noticed? And if that is the case, is it safe to say that it would have taken more than 25 minutes to get to the State Capital using that route?

# Defense Step 2

Once you have established that the map is not an accurate account of the time needed to travel, you can then object to the admission of evidence being admitted during step 4 of the Prosecution steps.

Defense Attorney:

Your Honor, I object as this map is clearly not a credible piece of evidence and does not show an accurate account of the time it takes to get from the Defendants place of work to the State Capital.